

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ARTHUR J. FILKINS,
JR., 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Mr. Arthur J. Filkins, Jr., who will celebrate his 90th birthday on April 10th, 2014.

Larry Filkins is a World War II veteran, and I cannot thank him enough for his strength of character, his service to our country, and his patriotism.

He was a combat medic with the 3rd Armored Division, First Army. He landed on Omaha Beach three weeks after D-Day, endured the bitter cold of the Battle of the Bulge, and pressed on to Germany.

At age 18, Mr. Filkins was an Army private. At war's end, he came home, age 21 and a Sergeant. He is an example to those who will follow in his footsteps, and it is a privilege to be a part of thanking him and acknowledging him. He is the kind of person who makes Oklahoma great. I am fortunate to be able to represent him, and I wish him all the best on his 90th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in celebrating Mr. Arthur J. Filkins, Jr.'s 90th birthday, and the many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on March 24, 2014, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall Vote 136 and rollcall Vote 137.

Had I been present for rollcall Vote 136, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3060, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall Vote 137, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1813, I would have voted "yes."

HELEN A. RIZZO'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Helen A. Rizzo of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania who is turning 100 years old on March 21, 2014.

Mrs. Rizzo was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania on March 21, 1914. She worked as a seamstress and married Daniel G. Rizzo. Mrs. Rizzo has two children, Carmen and Marian,

as well as five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, as she turns 100, I wish Helen Rizzo a happy and health birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARIN SANITARY SERVICE AND CENTRAL MARIN SANITATION AGENCY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marin Sanitary Service and Central Marin Sanitation Agency in celebration of the ribbon cutting held on March 18, 2014, for their Food-to-Energy (F2E) program, a public-private partnership designed to cut fossil fuel use and landfill waste by converting leftover kitchen scraps into a renewable energy source. Marin Sanitary Service, an innovative waste disposal company that plays an integral role in achieving Marin County's exceptional 75 percent diversion rate and its zero waste by 2025 goal, will turn food scraps from restaurants, caterers, and supermarkets into renewable energy at Central Marin Sanitation Agency's wastewater treatment plant.

Central Marin Sanitation Agency, a public agency, and Marin Sanitary Service, a family-owned local business, developed this cutting edge program to divert food scraps from the landfill and use it to generate energy. The F2E program and this public-private partnership is a first for Marin County and one of only two programs of its kind in California.

Mr. Speaker, the Food-to-Energy program represents an important and exciting step in the right direction for the environment and people of California. Public-private partnerships such as this serve as an innovative example for other communities to follow in an effort to reduce our impact on the environment. It is therefore appropriate that we celebrate the beginning of this pilot program.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAYLOR MEDICAL CENTER AT GARLAND

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Baylor Medical Center at Garland as they celebrate fifty years of success.

Over the past fifty years, their commitment to provide high quality health care to their community has remained steadfast. Since its founding as Memorial Hospital of Garland in 1964, Baylor Medical Center at Garland has grown from a 100-bed hospital to a 240-bed hospital, expanded its campus to four Medical Plaza's, and opened the Don and Ruth

Buchholz Pavilion. I want to commend Baylor Garland for being nationally recognized, including ranked as a Top Metro Hospital in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro Area by the U.S. News & World Report and receiving the Heart Failure Gold Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. Their integrity and care are evident through the personalized and excellent health care they provide which recognizes and fulfills the needs of all patients. I am deeply grateful for Baylor Garland and the positive impact they have on their community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Baylor Medical Center at Garland for another fifty years of continued success.

STEPHANIE JALLEN, 2014 U.S.
WINTER PARALYMPICS TEAM

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Stephanie Jallen of Harding, Pennsylvania who represented the United States in the women's alpine skiing competition in the 2014 Winter Paralympics in Sochi, Russia.

Stephanie is one of about 60 people worldwide born with a rare condition called Congenital Hemidysplasia Ichthyosis Limb Defect (CHILD) syndrome that leaves the left side of the body underdeveloped. At the age of nine, she attended the Camelback Adaptive Ski Camp in Tannersville, Pennsylvania and fell in love with the sport. Despite her instructor's attempts to put her in a bi-ski, Stephanie insisted on learning to ski standing up. She continued to work with the Pennsylvania Center for Adapted Sports and quickly became an accomplished skier.

Stephanie has received many accolades for her achievements in alpine skiing. In 2011, she was named to the U.S. Paralympics Alpine National Team at the age of 15. Since then, she has taken home numerous first, second and third place medals in contests ranging from national championships to world cups. During the 2014 Winter Paralympics, she won two bronze medals, one in the Women's Super Combined (standing), and one in the Women's Super-G (standing).

Despite her intense training schedule, Stephanie remains a true scholar athlete. She is currently a senior at Wyoming Area Secondary Center. After graduating this year, she will attend Kings College in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, Stephanie Jallen has demonstrated tremendous grit and determination in pursuing her Paralympic dreams. Therefore, I commend her for her hard work and achievements as part of the United States Paralympic alpine skiing team, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

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HONORING THE TRINITY VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE LADY
CARDINALS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the outstanding achievement of the Trinity Valley Community College Lady Cardinals as the 2014 National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) Division I Women's Basketball Champions. This marks the 3rd consecutive NJCAA Championship for the Lady Cardinals, a new NJCAA Division 1 record.

In a 65 to 46 victory, the Lady Cardinals closed out their season with a 35–1 record. The success enjoyed by the team is truly remarkable and a testament to the hard work and dedication of its players as well as Head Coach Elena Lovato, Assistant Coaches Gerald Ewing and Spencer Robertson, and Team Manager Scott Pellegrin. Trinity Valley Community College President Dr. Glendon Forgey, faculty, staff, and students are also to be commended for TVCC's success both on the court and in the classroom.

In addition to the record breaking team performance of the Lady Cardinals this season, I also want to recognize Adut Bulgak for being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and Coach Lovato being named "Coach of the Tournament."

Trinity Valley Community College Lady Cardinals include: Adut Bulgak, Rodricka Patton, Shlonte' Allen, Jazmine Spears, Julianne Anchling, Kuaneshia Baker, Deborah Meeks, Sylvia Smith-Gatson, Leashja Grant, Kyhonta Doughty, Autumnn Williams, and Dominique Brooks.

On behalf of the citizens of Athens and the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to be able to recognize the Lady Cardinals in the United States House of Representatives.

PAT SOLANO, 2013 ATTORNEY JOSEPH SAVORITO SR. GREATER PITTSSTON LIFETIME OF SERVICE AWARD WINNER

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Pat Solano, the recipient of the 2013 Attorney Joseph Saporito Sr. Greater Pittston Lifetime of Service Award.

Mr. Solano was born on June 22, 1925 in Pittston Township, Pennsylvania. In 1942, he graduated from Pittston Township High School and immediately joined the U.S. Army Air Corp. During World War II, Mr. Solano flew 23 combat missions over Germany with the Eighth U.S. Army Corp Heavy Bombardment Group. For his service, he received the Group Presidential Citation, the Air Force Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the European Combat Theatre Medal with two Bronze Stars. Once home from the war, Mr. Solano met and married his wife Marie, and they had six daughters.

After serving in the Army, Mr. Solano dedicated his life to public service, beginning as

the assistant police chief for Pittston Township. In 1950, he became the Third District Republican Chairman, and later was named the County Republican Chairman in 1968. He also served two terms as a member of the Pittston Township School Board. Since 1969, Mr. Solano has worked for and advised ten Pennsylvania governors from both sides of the aisle. In 2002, he retired after 40 years of federal service.

Mr. Solano's dedication to Pennsylvania does not end with his work. He was a member of the Pittston Township Bicentennial Committee, Assistant Scout Master for Troop 212 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus, the Columbus League of Luzerne County, Pittston Memorial Library fundraising co-chairman, and Luzerne County Community College trustee.

For his commitment to improving Pennsylvania, Mr. Solano has received many accolades and awards. He was honored by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, an agency he helped start 20 years ago. He also received the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's Thomas P. Shelbourne Environmental Leadership Award, a Doctor of Humane Letters from Misericordia University, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers Commander's Award.

Mr. Speaker, Pat Solano has shown outstanding dedication to our nation, the state of Pennsylvania, and his local community. Therefore, I commend him for his service and receipt of the 2013 Attorney Joseph Saporito Sr. Greater Pittston Lifetime of Service Award, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

SGR REPEAL AND MEDICARE PROVIDER PAYMENT MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, using Medicare as a political pawn in their 51st attempt to undermine the Affordable Care Act is a new low, even for House Republicans.

Americans are waiting for Congress to stop wasting time and start passing constructive solutions to the real challenges this country faces. The broken Medicare physician payment system is one such challenge. And there is a bipartisan, bicameral plan to reform Medicare physician payments to promote quality and efficiency.

Unfortunately, today's vote isn't about that plan at all. We know this because the bill includes a poison pill that guarantees it will never become law. This is nothing more than one more tired exercise in Republicans indulging their obsessive hatred of the Affordable Care Act. Rather than working with Democrats to reach agreement on how to advance Medicare payment reform in a fiscally responsible way, Republicans instead attached a five-year delay of the Affordable Care Act's requirement that everyone take responsibility for having health insurance. The White House has indicated the President would veto this bill if it were to reach his desk.

Private health insurers object to today's anti-Obamacare exercise. America's Health Insurance Plans and Blue Cross BlueShield Association wrote:

"we have deep concerns about packaging the Medicare physician payment bill with legislation that would sever the link between the ACA's individual mandate and its market reforms. The experience of states that attempted this in the 1990s demonstrates that removing this important linkage will result in more uninsured Americans, higher costs, and reduced choices for individuals and families. To avoid these outcomes, we are asking Congress to reject efforts to repeal or delay the individual mandate in the debate on Medicare physician payment reform."

The American Academy of Family Physicians had this to say:

"It is disturbing that work designed to expand access to quality health care would be advanced alongside a policy that deliberately removes access to quality health care coverage. Providing access to health care coverage for millions of Medicare beneficiaries while eliminating access to health care coverage for millions more is simply poor public policy and we urge that such approach be abandoned."

This vote today is further evidence—as if any more were needed—that Republicans in Congress simply are not serious about addressing our real challenges. We need to fix Medicare physician payments. We need to improve opportunity in this country. We need to raise the minimum wage. We need to renew extended unemployment benefits. Currently over two million Americans out of work through no fault of their own have been left in the lurch by Republicans' refusal to renew these benefits. We were elected to this body to solve problems, not to posture endlessly.

If Congressional Republicans were serious about fixing Medicare physician payments, they would not pull stunts like this. If they cared more about solving problems than they do about fulfilling their anti-Obamacare fetish, they would not pull stunts like this. Americans deserve better. Medicare beneficiaries deserve better, as do the doctors who treat them. To the majority, I say, stop wasting everyone's time.

RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION
OF NOWRUZ

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased with this opportunity to recognize Nowruz, a traditional Persian holiday that began on March 20 and celebrates the arrival of spring.

Nowruz has been observed by millions of individuals of Persian descent for more than 3,000 years as a time of renewal health, happiness, and prosperity. The holiday's ecumenical values are celebrated by adherents of many religions including Islam, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, and the Bahai' faith. It is considered a special time to share with family and friends and to honor cultural traditions.

In the United States, Nowruz serves to remind us of the many noteworthy and lasting contributions of Iranian-Americans to the social and economic fabric of American society.

In Los Angeles, which is home to the largest Iranian-American community in the United States, there is great pride in the community's devotion to civic activism, philanthropy, and entrepreneurship. I ask my colleagues in joining me to wish all those celebrating Nowruz a happy and prosperous new year.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT S. "BOB"
STRAUSS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert S. "Bob" Strauss who passed away last Wednesday, March 19 at age 95. Strauss was not only a fixture in Dallas and Texas, he was nationally revered as a close advisor to presidents of both parties, from Lyndon B. Johnson to George W. Bush.

Not only was Strauss politically valuable to our nation, his personality was unforgettable. Bob Strauss was personally influential and I admire him greatly. Strauss' weight on our political world today was extremely vast. His contributions to Dallas and to Texas will not be forgotten.

Strauss had early success as a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where he campaigned for a state-assembly candidate and volunteered for Lyndon B. Johnson's first congressional campaign. Strauss completed his law degree at the University of Texas and worked as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigations during World War II. At the end of the war, he and fellow FBI agent founded the law firm Gump and Strauss which later evolved into Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld. In law school, he met former Texas Governor John Connally who helped Strauss cultivate his political career.

Strauss served as the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee between 1972 and 1977. Strauss has been credited for the Democratic Party's reunification that helped to elect President Jimmy Carter in 1976. During the Carter Administration, Strauss served as the United States Trade Representative and as Middle East negotiator. During the first Bush Administration, he served as the U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union and subsequently as the U.S. ambassador to Russia. Strauss played a major role for American interests during the Soviet Union's breakdown and the emergence of a democratic Russia. Strauss was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Carter in 1981.

Strauss had the unique ability to serve presidents and political leaders on both sides of the aisle. His political astuteness and skill are rare traits and will be fondly remembered. I urge my colleagues to recognize and celebrate the life of Bob Strauss.

A TRIBUTE TO BISHOP JOSEPH P.
McFADDEN

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Joseph P. McFadden,

a distinguished former member of the Philadelphia education and Catholic community.

Bishop McFadden was born in Philadelphia on May 22, 1947. Attending Catholic schools for his elementary and secondary education, Bishop McFadden was an involved and active student. He then enrolled in Philadelphia's Saint Joseph University, where he matriculated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Politics. Bishop McFadden's childhood and education prepared him well to be a life-long advocate for education in Philadelphia.

After teaching and coaching at West Catholic Boys High School from 1969–1976, Bishop McFadden entered Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Ordained as a priest on May 16, 1981, Bishop McFadden continued in his passion of higher education. He received a Master of Divinity, graduating Summa Cum Laude, upon completing his studies at Saint Charles Seminary.

Bishop McFadden served as an Honorary Prelate to Pope John Paul II for two years. In 1993, Cardinal Bevilacqua appointed Bishop McFadden as the first President of Cardinal O'Hara High School. As President, the Bishop was vital to increasing the school's enrollment to 2000 students and initiating the program "Laptops for Learning."

Bishop McFadden began his service as a pastor in Downingtown in 2001, until he was appointed to be an Auxiliary Bishop in Philadelphia in June 2004. He was ordained to the Episcopacy on July 28, 2004 and was named the tenth Bishop of Harrisburg on June 22, 2010. Unfortunately, Bishop McFadden passed away on March 2, 2013. His passing is still mourned by the Catholic community. This week, Bishop McFadden will posthumously be given the Distinguished Catholic School Graduates Award by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for his service to Catholic School education in the state of Pennsylvania.

I invite you and all of my colleagues to join me in commemorating Bishop Joseph P. McFadden. May his legacy and commitment be an inspiration to all of us in the years to come.

COMMEMORATING ARTS
ADVOCACY DAY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, entrepreneur Steve Jobs once said, "It is in Apple's DNA that technology alone is not enough—it's technology married with liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields us the results that make our heart sing."

I rise today to recognize National Arts Advocacy Day and to stress the importance of arts and arts education for advancing technology and growing our economy.

I am proud to represent the Illinois delegation of thirteen arts and cultural leaders on Capitol Hill today, which include Ingenuity, a group that works with Chicago Public Schools, and whose mission it is to make arts education available to every child in every school.

Students in the arts and humanities learn how to explore, discover and innovate. Arts education engages kids in school, promotes

confidence and builds a foundation for success for every student, but it also grows our economy.

In Illinois, the non-profit arts and culture sector generates 2.75 billion dollars and supports more than 78,000 full-time-equivalent jobs. Additionally, Illinois is home to nearly 34,000 non-profit and for-profit arts businesses. These creative enterprises employ more than 140,000 people in jobs that cannot be outsourced.

I continue to be a proud supporter of arts education, and I've consistently supported robust funding for the National Endowment for the Arts—I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent due to illness and was not present for rollcall votes on Monday, March 24, 2014. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner:

H.R. 3060—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the "Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building"—"yes."

H.R. 1813—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin Post Office Building"—"yes."

RECOGNIZING THE CONSERVATION
AND LAND PRESERVATION EF-
FORTS OF EAST BRADFORD
TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate East Bradford Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania on receiving the Growing Greener Communities Award bestowed by Natural Lands Trust and the Chester County Association of Township Officials.

East Bradford Township's 30-year-old Open Space Initiative, designed to protect natural areas and connect them through a trail network, has resulted in 6,000 acres of permanently protected land, 16 parks, and 26 miles of trails. In 2013 alone, the Township secured county funding for conservation easement on more than 80 acres of Township land, spearheaded a volunteer effort to plant 750 trees, commissioned stewardship plans for three of its sixteen parks, constructed more than two miles of trails, and organized the second annual Trail Blazer Race, the proceeds of which will be used to fund trail construction and maintenance.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the community's long-standing commitment to conservation and land preservation, and on the occasion of being honored with the Growing Greener

Communities Award, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the outstanding efforts of East Bradford Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding institution of higher education in Illinois. Southern Illinois University School of Law celebrates its 40th anniversary this month.

We spend our time on the House floor discussing, debating, and voting on laws which impact American citizens, while the faculty and staff of SIU Law develop the next generation of great legal minds.

With humble beginnings in 1973, that first year began with 90 students and 8 faculty members. SIU Law today is a nationally recognized institution with alumni practicing in 49 states and 11 countries. The school's 3,800 graduates include military general officers, over 90 state and federal judges, and at least one United States Congressman.

Please join me in congratulating my alma mater, Southern Illinois University School of Law, for 40 years of serving students. Go Dawgs.

**UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT
FIRST CLASS WILLIAM K. LACEY**

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant First Class William K. Lacey, or Kelly, as his family wants him to be remembered, who was killed in action on January 4, 2014 after a rocket propelled grenade attack by insurgents hit his unit in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. He leaves behind his wife, Ashley, and his loving family and friends.

Born at Eglin Air Force Base where his father, Master Sergeant John H. Lacey, was stationed, Kelly spent most of his childhood in Florida. He attended Niceville High School before joining the Army in 2003. While in the Army, he attended Meridian Community College and received an Associate Degree. Sergeant First Class Lacey was assigned to the F Company, 201st Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, based in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Kelly was on his second deployment to Afghanistan, and he had already completed three previous deployments to Iraq: the first a 5 month deployment, the second a 14 month deployment and the other a year-long deployment. From April 2011 until March 2012, Kelly served in Afghanistan.

From his earliest time in the Army, Sergeant First Class Lacey was considered a great soldier. Over his career he earned more than a dozen honors including three Army Com-

mendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, three Army Good Conduct Medals, two Afghanistan Campaign Medals with Bronze Service Star and two Iraq Campaign Medals with Bronze Service Stars. For his bravery in action, Sergeant First Class Lacey was awarded a Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device "V", two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart posthumously.

We remember Kelly and offer our deepest condolences and prayers to his family. Everyone in our great nation owes Sergeant First Class Lacey and his family a debt of gratitude for his selfless sacrifice and courage. It is vital that we keep our men and women in uniform who are in harm's way in our thoughts and prayers. I call on my colleagues and all Americans to remember Kelly and the many others who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedoms and all that we value as a nation.

**THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTING AIRLINE PASSENGERS
FROM SEXUAL ASSAULTS ACT**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Protecting Airline Passengers from Sexual Assaults Act, a bill to require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to collect and maintain data on the number of sexual assaults that occur on commercial airplanes. At the moment, there are no real-time statistics or documentation. As a result, we cannot gain either the necessary information to prosecute these crimes or the insights to help eliminate them and improve complicated onboard sexual assault investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Passengers expect that after going through extensive security at airports that they will be safe aboard their flights, but a recent surge in reports of sexual assaults occurring on planes suggests otherwise. Those who staff flights and who may witness these crimes should have guidance as to how to proceed. Law enforcement and the flying public deserve to have access to data on sexual assaults that occur on planes so that we can work towards preventing these devastating crimes.

In recent years, there has been an increase in reports of sexual assaults on flights in the United States. Oftentimes, the survivors of these crimes were asleep during part of the assault, but were so afraid and shocked that they did not call for help. In these cases, the dynamics of surviving a sexual assault are amplified. In order for the FAA and law enforcement to better gauge the extent of these horrendous crimes that have taken place on aircraft and to work towards prevention, data on the number of sexual assaults needs to be collected and shared with the public.

My bill would require the FAA to establish a program to collect and maintain data on the number of sexual assaults that occur on commercial flights, including international flights and domestic flights that land or take off in the United States. Even more importantly, my bill would require the FAA to make this data available to the public on its website.

Sexual assaults on airplanes are criminal acts that elude police and prosecutors more

than many other crimes due to a number of factors, including fear on the part of the survivor, lack of witnesses, and a lack of education on how to respond to such acts. We need to know where the source of the surge is. This data is also very important because the public deserves to know that such incidents have happened.

I urge support of this bill.

**CELEBRATING THE BOYS & GIRLS
CLUBS OF AMERICA**

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the important role that the Boys & Girls Clubs of America play in communities across the country. This week, in celebration of National Boys & Girls Club Week and to highlight their successes in the areas of academic achievement, good character, citizenship, and healthy lifestyles, representatives from Boys & Girls Clubs will be here in Washington for their first annual Boys & Girls Clubs Day of Advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, I was a member of the local Boys Club in my youth, as were many others who have served in government and as leaders in our economy, the law, the arts, the sciences, education, and the military. Like mine, their Boys & Girls Clubs experiences instilled lessons about citizenship, character, and both personal and social responsibility that continue to guide them today in their careers and in their service to our country. Those who participate in the Clubs today are given the opportunity to learn about their country, community, and the world, to develop positive behaviors that nurture a healthy life and outlook, and to challenge themselves as future leaders.

Every year, I am proud to join the Boys & Girls Clubs for their annual gathering, where I have the opportunity to meet those who are named Youth of the Year finalists and hear about their service projects and their aspirations for the future. I look forward to joining them again this year to reflect on my own experiences as a Boys & Girls Club alumnus and to meet the next generation of leaders for our country.

Frederick Douglass, from my State of Maryland, once said: "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." This continues to be the guiding principle behind the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. It is more than an organization; it is a movement to inspire young people to recognize the potential in themselves and the contributions they can make as members of their communities, as citizens of our country, and as citizens of the world.

I join once again in saluting the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for the extraordinary work they do across our country every day. I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking the organization and in sending a strong message of support for our Nation's youth.

HONORING LAMEY-WELLEHAN FOR 100 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lamey-Wellehan on its 100th anniversary.

One hundred years ago last week, Dan Wellehan and Charlie Lamey opened Lamey-Wellehan Shoes on Lisbon Street in Lewiston, ME. Despite Dan being sent to fight in World War I and Charlie tragically passing away at a young age, this Maine institution has persisted for a century, expanding to six locations and more than 100 employees, fitting countless young Mainers with their first pair of shoes.

Since the death of Dan Wellehan in 1976, Lamey-Wellehan has been under the stewardship of his son, Jim Wellehan, who began working in the store's stockroom as a young high school student. Under Jim's leadership, Lamey-Wellehan has continued to grow, build strong relationships in Maine's communities and separated itself as an environmentally conscious business. Over the years, Lamey-Wellehan has made concerted efforts to reduce its carbon footprint by recycling up to 96 percent of its solid waste, increasing its use of solar energy, and most recently ceasing its use of plastic bags.

Although Jim Wellehan does not have specific retirement plans, he is working to ensure that when he does retire the company remains in good hands by slowly having his employees buy the business. As Lamey-Wellehan moves into its second century of business, I am confident that it will continue to successfully serve Mainers in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in recognizing Lamey-Wellehan's 100th anniversary.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 125th anniversary of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the national association representing our nation's State utility economic regulators.

The work of our nation's public utility regulators often goes unnoticed and unheralded until the lights go out or our utility rates increase. But rest assured, the work these officials do on a daily basis impacts every single one of us in the country.

State utility regulators ensure the rates we pay for utility services are fair, just, and reasonable. They help make sure the utilities deliver these services—electricity, natural gas, water, and telecommunications—in a safe and reliable manner.

NARUC offers its members countless opportunities for education, sharing of best prac-

tices, advocacy, and much more. Since March of 1889, the Association has provided resources aimed at improving regulatory practices. Since just about all of us pay utility bills in some way or another, we have all benefited from NARUC's work over the last century and a quarter.

One hundred and twenty five years ago the electricity industry was in its infancy. Alexander Graham Bell was still perfecting his groundbreaking invention called the telephone. We were still learning how best to transport water and natural gas.

We can now electrify our homes from solar rooftops. We can carry our personal computers in our pockets on our smart phones. We are using new technologies to find abundant resources of natural gas.

The one constant has been NARUC and the quality utility regulation it promotes. I want to thank NARUC and congratulate it on this 125th year anniversary.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,548,206,894,037.06. We've added \$6,921,329,845,123.98 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO MR. SANTANA GONZALEZ

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Santana Gonzalez on his retirement with thirty-five years of service with Chevron Corporation. Santana began his professional career with Gulf Oil, and since then, he has held a succession of public and government relations assignments in Texas, New Mexico, and Southern California. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a unique ability to engage governmental, media, and community stakeholders as well as provide support to incident response activities.

Most recently, Santana has served with distinction in Chevron's State Government Relations office and as the Manager for Policy, Government and Public Affairs for Chevron Pipeline in Chevron's Gas and Midstream.

One of his career highlights includes receiving the Chevron Chairman's Award, an award that recognizes colleagues and teams who demonstrate ingenuity and initiative to achieve extraordinary results for the company. In addition, his service to the Hispanic community earned him the National Council of La Raza's President's Award.

Santana Gonzalez grew up in South Texas, in the Brownsville-Harlingen area. His family moved to Houston in 1968. He attended Bellaire High School and, coincidentally, his last work assignment was also in Bellaire. Gonzalez graduated from the University of Texas—Pan American in 1976 and went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston School of Law in 1979.

To say that Santana will be missed on his retirement is an understatement. His gift of gab and contagious laugh are legendary amongst his colleagues and all who know him. Those who work most closely with him have admired his capacity for work, his intelligence and wise and wry counsel. No challenge has been too big for him to manage, and Chevron's reputation was lifted by his every engagement with communities, governments and business partners.

Santana and his wife Nellie reside in Pearland. She is looking forward to having Santana as her personal chef and tour guide during retirement. Santana is looking forward to doing a lot of reading and spending time with his two beautiful daughters, Lisa and Amber, and his granddaughter, Crysalyne Mae. He and Nellie are anxiously awaiting another grandchild into the world in the near future.

I congratulate Santana on his retirement, and thank him for his diligent service to the energy industry, particularly in the great state of Texas. I wish him all the best that retirement has to offer. And that's just the way it is.

HONORING DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, who is most commonly known as the "Father of the Green Revolution."

The United States Congress today dedicated a statue of Dr. Borlaug in Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol. This dedication happens to coincide with what would have been his one hundredth birthday.

Dr. Borlaug's groundbreaking work in wheat improvement has been able to save millions of starving people around the globe. He cross-bred thousands of wheat varieties from around the world to produce new breads resistant to diseases. He crafted dwarf wheat varieties, which kept stalks erect, salvaging them from becoming unharvestable. Additionally, he came up with the technique of shuttle breeding, which involves growing two successive plantings, in different regions, a year.

These advancements in wheat have helped food deficient countries, such as Mexico and India, become self-sufficient in producing high-yield, disease-resistant grains.

Dr. Borlaug touched millions of lives through his research, knowledge and teachings in advancing agriculture to help end hunger worldwide. His outstanding work has been recognized with the Nobel Peace Prize, U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom, U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, United Nations FAO Agricola Medal and over fifty honorary doctorate degrees.

In 1984, Dr. Borlaug joined the faculty at Texas A&M University as Distinguished Professor of International Agriculture. He continued to teach and inspire young scientists at Texas A&M until his death in 2009.

Dr. Borlaug's work continues to live through the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture at Texas A&M University. The institute leads long-term agricultural efforts by focusing on other design and implementation of sustainable programs of international development that integrate research, training and education to benefit developing countries around the globe.

I would like to thank Dr. Norman Borlaug for all of his work and his commitment to ending worldwide hunger. He will forever be remembered as great humanitarian, scientist, agriculturalist and professor.

God bless the continuing legacy of Dr. Borlaug and the United States of America.

SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND THE ECONOMIC AGENDA FOR WOMEN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Women's History Month and specifically, the Economic Agenda for Women. While our women leaders in history have paved the way for our success, we must continue to fight for justice, rights, and values.

The facts are staggering; women continue to earn only 77 cents for every dollar that a man makes, the poverty rate for women is at its highest in two decades, and family and medical leave protections do not cover nearly half of full-time employees. Each March, we celebrate our progress through Women's History Month. But we must not forget what more we can do for our future. When Women Succeed, America Succeeds is an agenda that each town, city, county, and state must adopt so that we can continue the work to provide women with economic security and opportunities.

There are so many women that can legitimately be acknowledged during these days of Women's History Month. Women have been at the forefront in every community in every worthy cause. Today, I would like to call attention to a few extraordinary women that I have had the pleasure of sharing my congressional experience who have completed their earthly journey with care, skill, and commitment. Cardiss Collins was the first African American woman to represent Illinois in Congress and chaired the Congressional Black Caucus with leadership and skill. Julia Carson was the first woman and the first African American to represent the 7th District of Indiana and lead the House measure to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Rosa Parks. Juanita Millender-McDonald represented the 37th District of California and was the first African American woman to chair the House Committee on House Administration. Stephanie Tubbs Jones was the first African American woman to be elected to Congress from Ohio and served as the Chairwoman of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct during the 110th Congress.

There are three outstanding former members who have retired back to their home areas who served with distinction as well. Carrie Meek was elected to Congress in 1992 after fourteen years in the Florida legislature. Meek, who retired at the end of her term in 2003, served as the first African American lawmaker elected to represent Florida in Congress since Reconstruction and faced the difficult task of helping her district recover from the devastation of Hurricane Andrew. Eva Clayton was the first African American woman, with Congressman Mel Watt being the first African American, to serve in the House of Representatives from North Carolina. When Clayton retired in 2003, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization appointed her Assistant Director-General. Diane Watson, who recently retired after the 111th Congress, represented the 33rd District of California and was appointed by President Bill Clinton to be the U.S. Ambassador to Micronesia. I applaud these African American women who truly are history makers.

Though we see gains in leadership and in Congress for women each year, we are far from done. Hardworking, responsible American women are depending on us for leadership in policy. With smart economic policy changes, we can achieve even more. I urge my colleagues to think of the women who have shaped our history and to help support the women who have the potential to shape our future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, on March 24, 2014, I was not present to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all votes: H.R. 3060: The Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building in Burleson, Texas; and H.R. 1813: The Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin Post Office Building in Tallmadge, Ohio.

RECOGNIZING TECH MOLDED PLASTICS AS PLASTICS NEWS' PROCESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartiest congratulations to Tech Molded Plastics Inc., a family-owned injection mold company, on being named Plastics News' Processor of the Year.

Located in Meadville, Pennsylvania, Tech Molded Plastics celebrated its 40th year in business just last year. In 1973, Bill Hanaway and his wife Eva started their family business in a rented garage. Over the years, Tech Molded has expanded and diversified its business through smart investments in their people and technology. In the mid-1990s, Tech Molded erected the factory building that now houses its company headquarters. In 2011,

the company expanded again by purchasing the building adjacent to it with an investment of more than \$1.5 million. Today, sons Scott and Mark still run the family business along with their mother, Eva, manufacturing precision parts for the electronics, automotive and medical industry. Employing 120 Pennsylvanians and generating sales of \$17.7 million, Tech Molded Plastics embodies the best of America's family-owned small businesses.

Mr. Speaker, in light of being awarded Processor of the Year, I ask that my colleagues join with me today in recognizing Tech Molded Plastics for its national leadership in the plastics industry and for the invaluable contributions of the Hanaway family to the citizens of Meadville and Western Pennsylvania.

CELEBRATING GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the only Hellenic-American woman serving in Congress, to recognize and celebrate Greek Independence Day.

This holiday commemorates the Greek people's victory in their struggle for independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1821. It is a day of singing praise, dancing, eating, and paying homage to those who fought so bravely to restore democracy to its birthplace. As Sir Winston Churchill said during World War II, "Hence you will not say that Greeks fight like heroes but that heroes fight like Greeks."

This is also a day for honoring the strong bonds that have long existed between Greece and the United States. Our form of democratic government owes much to the principles established in Ancient Greece and our international success today relies on Greece as a valued NATO ally.

Our culture has also been influenced by Hellenic art, architecture, and letters dating back to the days of Homer and Euripides, Sophocles and Hippocrates. As President James Monroe said, "The mention of Greece fills the mind with the most exalted sentiments."

So today let us reaffirm our support for Greece in good times and trying circumstances. And let me encourage my colleagues to visit Greece and experience for themselves the beauty of the land, the power of the antiquities, and the warmth of the people.

REMEMBERING ASHLEY EARL

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness to mourn the death of Peace Corps volunteer Ashley Earl. Ashley passed away on Saturday, March 8 in her beloved host community of Oshakati, Namibia.

As a community health volunteer, Ashley worked tirelessly for the health and well-being of the residents of Oshakati, a community she

was proud to be a part of. Working with Catholic AIDS Action, she coordinated after-school programs for youth in the local area. Those who worked with her say she “cared deeply for her students, and taught them to show respect for others as well as respect for themselves.”

Ashley’s time as a volunteer in the Peace Corps was just one component of her legacy of service. Prior to joining, she served six years in the Army Reserve and worked for a variety of social service organizations on behalf of women, children, and veterans.

At the beginning of her Peace Corps service, Ashley wrote, “I am hoping that I will be able to instill or inspire positive change in the community I will be working with.” I can say with confidence that Ashley not only instilled and inspired positive change in the community of Oshakati, but also in those who encountered her. We all have much to learn from her heart for service and passion for life.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness, and even greater admiration that we remember the legacy of Ashley Earl. Our hearts go out to her parents, Phylliss and Lee Lundquist, and her sister, Stacy Earl.

RECOGNIZING THE RECORD-
BREAKING SEASON OF THE
DICKINSON RED DEVILS MEN’S
BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues, Representative LOU

BARLETTA (PA–11) and Representative BILL SHUSTER (PA–9), to congratulate the players and coaches of the Dickinson College Red Devils Men’s Basketball Team of Carlisle, Pennsylvania on their incredible season which was capped by their advancement to the “Elite Eight” in the 2014 NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament.

The Dickinson Red Devils won a program-best 24 games, including establishing a record of 15 wins in Centennial Conference play. The Red Devils scored a school record 2,335 points during the season and broke the single game record for three-point shots (17) in their win over nationally ranked Guilford College on December 28, 2013.

The Red Devils’ 2013–2014 roster includes: Brandon Angradi, Jonah Brooks, CJ Burke, Steve Collins, Chris Cox, Zacc Dwan, Brian Erhart, Brian Gerney, Ted Hinnenkamp, Adam Honig, Matt Jackson, Tucker Landy, Brian Lissak, Tom McInerney, Robert Picka, Gerry Wixted, and Pete Yingst. The Red Devils are ably led by Head Coach Alan Seretti, Assistant Coach Ethan Stewart-Smith, Student Assistant Adam Spinella and Scorekeeper Madeline Kern, with dedicated administrative support by College Athletic Director Dr. Les Poolman.

Additionally, as a result of their terrific performances, both senior guard Adam Honig and junior forward Gerry Wixted achieved individual honors by being named to the D3hoops.com All-Mid-Atlantic Region Team. Head Coach Alan Seretti likewise was named Mid-Atlantic Region Coach of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, in light of their outstanding accomplishments and history-making season, we ask that our colleagues join me today in recognizing the players and coaches of the Dickinson College Red Devils Men’s Basketball Team of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

IN HONOR OF INDEPENDENCE,
OHIO’S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. JOYCE. Mr. Speaker, Independence, created by a glacier on the west bank of the Cuyahoga River first sheltered Indians, then became a settlement, grew with the Ohio and Erie Canal, expanded into a stone quarrying center, then slumbered along as a farming community until urbanization of Cuyahoga County which resulted in its growth as a suburban city. Independence was organized as a Township in 1814. With the opening of the Ohio and Erie Canal in 1827, Independence Township became accessible to trade and settlers.

Centrally located at the crossroads of Interstate 480 and Interstate 77, Independence is widely known as the “Heart of Cuyahoga County” and the region. With approximately 7,133 residents in 9.73 square miles, the City of Independence exhibits all the character and charm of a small town community that embraces family values and its rich history, while maintaining a robust commercial setting as well. The community boasts of a great school system, excellent city services and a diverse residential and business population. It is my honor to recognize their Bicentennial celebration and wish them all the best for their next 200 years.